

## Honours

I am sure all Fellows join with me in warmly congratulating the following Fellows on their being recognised in the Australia Day Honours List:

### Companion of the Order of Australia

***Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret BEAZLEY AO QC***

For eminent service to the people of New South Wales, particularly through leadership roles in the judiciary, and as a mentor of young women lawyers.

***The Honourable Chief Justice Catherine HOLMES***

For eminent service to the judiciary, notably to criminal, administrative, and mental health law, and to the community of Queensland.

### Officer of the Order of Australia

***Professor Larissa BEHRENDT***

For distinguished service to Indigenous education and research, to the law, and to the visual and performing arts.

***Dr John BENNETT AM***

For distinguished service to the law through prolific authorship of biographies of eminent members of the legal profession.

***Ms Fiona McLEOD SC***

For distinguished service to the law, and to the legal profession, at the national and international level, and to women lawyers.

***Ms Anne TRIMMER***

For distinguished service to the law, and to the legal profession, to healthcare standards and policy, and to education.

### Member of the Order of Australia

***Emeritus Professor Staniforth (Sam) RICKETSON***

For significant service to legal education, and to intellectual property law.

## Recent Events

The first Academy event for 2020 was in Canberra on the evening of Sunday 19 January.



*Professor James Stellios FAAL*

Advantage was taken of the fact that the annual Conference of Supreme Court and Federal Court Judges was held in Canberra this year.

Some 31 Fellows (photograph below) and their partners attended a most successful dinner which was held at The Boat House, Menindee Drive, Barton.



Professor James Stellios FAAL of the ANU law school gave the address and spoke on the relationship between life as an academic and as a legal practitioner.

These dinners, this being the fourth within Australia, have been organised by the Deputy President, Justice Alan Robertson, and provide an excellent opportunity for Fellows to meet (in some cases to

meet for the first time) in a relaxed and convivial environment.

## Forthcoming Events

### ACT

The first Michael Coper Roundtable for 2020 will be held on Wednesday 19 February at the High Court.

The discussion will be led by Graeme Neate AM, President of the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal and former President of the National Native Title Tribunal.

His topic will be *“Native title—concepts, challenges and creative outcomes”*

It is important to register for this event as the High Court needs to know the numbers attending.

The flyer for the event and details of how to register will be found [here](#).

### Western Australia

Western Australian Fellows will be holding a roundtable on Thursday 27 February, when Professor Kate Lewins will lead a discussion on *“Cruise Ship Passengers and Australian Law—Contracts, Consumer Protection, Convention?”*

The roundtable will be held at 1.00 pm in Mediation Room 803, Supreme Court of Western Australia David Malcolm Justice Centre, Barrack Street, Perth.

The flyer for the event can be found [here](#).

Members of organisations representing the maritime community in Perth have been invited to attend and have expressed appreciation for the invitation and indicated that the roundtable will be of particular interest to them.

### New South Wales

As noted in the last Newsletter ([2019] No 8), the first public event for the year in New South Wales will be held on Wednesday 25 March at the Federal Court.

The topic will be *“WHISTLEBLOWING—what is it, who does it, when is it lawful, when is it mandatory?”*

Those participating include:

Chair:

**The Hon Julie Ward**

Chief Judge in Equity, Supreme Court of New South Wales

*Panellists:*

**Professor A J Brown**

Professor of Public Policy & Law in the Centre for Governance & Public Policy, Griffith University

**Professor Robert Deutsch**

Senior Tax Counsel, Tax Institute and Professor of Law, University of New South Wales.

**Ms Connie Carnabuci**

General Counsel, Australian Broadcasting Commission.

**Mr Bret Walker SC**

Former President of the NSW Bar Association and Law Council of Australia; former National Security Legislation Monitor

The flyer for the event, which includes provision for registration, can be found [here](#)

Notwithstanding the holiday season, registrations have been coming in and places are already filling up.

### The Northern Territory

I am delighted to announce that in 2020 the Austin Asche Oration in Law and Governance will be delivered by the Chief Justice of Australia, the Hon Susan Kiefel AC.

As usual, the event will take place in the Nitmiluk Lounge, Level 4, Parliament House, Darwin.

The date of the event is Friday 3 April 2020.

This annual event in Darwin, jointly sponsored by Charles Darwin University and the Academy, is a major event in the calendars of both institutions.

A flyer will issue in due course.



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